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## The Conference Fizzle.

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A little while ago Chairman Dick called a conference of Republicans to meet at Columbus, but two days before the appointed time, he called it off. Why did he call the conference? Why did he call it off?

His own statement is that the conference was intended to promote harmony in the party, that seeing no hope of accomplishing the desired end the thing was called off. The chairman may be correct as far as he is concerned. He wants harmony and peace in the party, but wants to dictate the terms, and the Republicans of Ohio are tired of Dick's bossing.

Is there need of a conference at this time? Certainly not to produce harmony. The Republicans of Ohio are nearly unanimous on the candidacy of Secretary Taft next year. Senator Foraker seemed, a while back, to have an idea that he himself would be selected as the Ohio favorite son, and under this pleasing delusion wanted to have the matter tested by a popular vote, but the senator's friends discovered that Secretary Taft had already won the hearts of the Ohio Republicans, and that Senator Foraker would not have the ghost of a chance in competition with the war secretary.

What then? Well, something must be done to mollify Senator Foraker's feelings. He can not be endorsed for a presidential candidate at this time, but could he not be endorsed to succeed himself in the United States Senate? Cox and Dick put their heads together and concocted the conference harmony scheme; the cardinal points to be, Taft for the presidency, Harris for governor, and Foraker for the senate. A great scheme this—for Senator Foraker, at least—for it would give him a pretty sure hold upon the senatorship for another term. Would the Taft crowd agree to this? By no means. The cry went up all over the state, "No bargain for office." Dick heard it, and the conference was recalled.

There was no need of a conference to find out the state of feeling as regards Taft. The whole state is for him, and for him enthusiastically. No other name can be mentioned with his to command so great a unanimity. Governor Harris has no serious rival for the governorship. These two could be easily endorsed in a conference of Ohio Republicans at this time; but Senator Foraker's endorsement is a different matter. Ohio does not want to do it just yet. It is premature. It is no time to nominate a senator. Let us not be hasty.

Furthermore, Senator Foraker has become, to a large number of Republicans, a persona non grata. There is no use mincing words about it, for at this time Senator Foraker has lost his hold on the state of Ohio. The state that gave Roosevelt such an enormous majority can not be pleased with the able, but bitter, antagonism to the Administration by Senator Foraker. Douglas forfeited the support of his party because he antagonized the administration of even James Buchanan; and Foraker has forfeited the support of his state by antagonizing the honest administration of Theodore Roosevelt. There was the senator's blunder.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

The weather is still a little cool for the usual crop of brain-storm stories that grow up with mid-summer, but some of the energetic political alarmists came out last week with a sensation in the shape of a yarn that Secretary Cortelyou was a secret enemy of the president, that he had been strengthening himself to make the race for the presidential nomination next year, and was quietly doing all he could to handicap Secretary Taft in Ohio. This is about as far-fetched a story as could be imagined. It may be true that Secretary Cortelyou has presidential ambitions, who has not? But he is clever enough not to entertain them for 1908. In fact, even his enemies will admit that Mr. Cortelyou is too clever to ever do an impolitic thing or attempt the impossible. It has been said of him that he was so smooth he had to wear sandpaper pajamas to keep from slipping out of bed. And that would not be in keeping with trying to wreck the Taft boom or start himself in the race in 1908.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Cortelyou, the president, and Secretary Taft are all good friends. Mr. Cortelyou is much the youngest man of the three. He came from a White House stenographer to be a cabinet officer, and that is doing very well for a man scarcely turned forty. It is quite on the cards that he may try for the nomination in 1912, if he is alive and well then, as there seems every probability he will be. But it can be safely said that he is not injecting himself into the Ohio fight at this stage of the game.

Senator Fairbanks launched his boom in a modest way at Philadelphia last week. It is interesting to note that he spoke strongly in favor of expansion and "the present commercial policy" which is another way of saying that the tariff must not be touched. But the world does not seem to have been disturbed in its orbit very much as the result of the announcement.

One of the most serious things in the political line is the report that desperate efforts are being made to line up the coming trans-Mississippi convention in Denver against the president and all the western policies of the Administration. It is generally believed there is something in this. But the movement is thought to come

from the big railroads and other corporate interests of the west any not from the people. Senator-elect Guggenheim, a member of the Smelter Trust family, is said to be one of the prime movers in the affair. The railroads that have been headed off in their efforts to grab hundreds of thousands of acres of government coal lands and the lumber interests that have been balked in the same way of timber grabbing schemes are all said to be interested. It is to the advantage of these people to make all the western policies of the Administration appear in as bad a light as possible. They have more chance in attacking the forest reserve orders than in anything else, and an effort is being made to mislead the public as far as possible regarding the government policy in handling public land of all sorts and especially the forests. Senator Carter of Montana has been one of the most active of the anti-Administration workers in this line and he has been getting maps made of the forest reserve areas (maps made at government expense, of course) and is using them in a campaign of so-called education among western people.

The president has tried a number of times to make it plain that his only object in withdrawing big areas of the west from homestead entry has been to keep them intact till expert geologists and foresters could determine their exact nature and value with a view to keeping them from falling into the hands of speculators and reserving them so far as was desirable for the benefit of the public in the future. Special arrangements have been made for grazing cattle under proper supervision in the forest reserves. There is, of course, a great deal of valuable agricultural land in most of the reserves, and provision has been made for opening this to settlers as fast as possible. The settlers have realized the advantages of a homestead in the midst of a forest reserve and the government is alive to the advantage of having some settlers located in the reserves. Hundreds of thousands of acres of coal and other mineral land have already been recovered from monopoly by railroads and lumber companies that had no right to them, and altogether it would seem to the average man that the western public had fared pretty well at the hands of the Administration which is trying to safeguard western land interests. Of course, many of the big interests that have suffered in their career of land stealing and speculation are ready to misrepresent the case to the western public if they can. But a number of the president's ablest lieutenants are going into the west to present the situation to people in its true light and it is not likely that the Denver convention will be stamped into any anti-Administration resolutions.

The most startling innovation of years is taking place in the Land Office and the Patent Office. These are two places where there is an immense amount of copying of records done, and up to date it has all been done by hand, partly from a desire to keep on

the rolls many of the old clerks who were fit for no other duty, and partly from fossilism, which was loath to change an old system. Now, however, the records are to be copied in type-writing instead of manuscript. It is said that it will effect a saving of about fifty percent in money and sixty percent in time. Many of the old clerks, it is thought, will have to go, and this will be a hardship, but it will expedite the business of the Interior Department vastly.

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## Gettysburg.

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Our Township Sunday School Association will hold a convention in our M. E. church on June 2 at 2 o'clock p.m., at which an excellent program will be rendered. On the following Sunday Children's Day exercises will be observed in the same church.

On last Saturday morning a hail storm visited this place, accompanied by a considerable rain fall, since which it has been considerably cooler. This morning the mercury of some thermometers marked a temperature below the freezing point. This is very cool for the time of year for vegetable growth. Corn planting is well nigh done, and it is coming up slowly.

Arrangements are about complete for the observance of Decoration Day at this place. W. F. Hufford of Ada has been engaged as the orator of the day, and he is reported to be an excellent speaker.

The remains of Joseph Ryan and wife, late of Webster, dying at the residence of Dr. C. F. Ryan of Versailles, on last Thursday, within a few hours of each other, were given burial in our cemetery last Sunday, funeral services being held in the M. E. church at Webster, of which they were life members, conducted by Rev. Keyes of Versailles circuit, attended by a large concourse of relatives and neighbors. These aged people filled an important place in the community of which they were members, and lived to a ripe old age, and served their generation well. Peace to their ashes.

May 21.

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## Otterbein.

John Hetzler and family spent Sunday with Mr. Hetzler's father, Nelson Brown and family and R. H. Siler of West Manchester visited T. L. Howell's Sunday.

Curt Grubbs and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. Hoerner near New Paris Sunday.

Allen Hetzler and family spent Sunday with George Roberts and family near White Water.

Peter Hawkey and daughter Lottie spent Saturday and Sunday near Gordon.

Mrs. S. R. Roberts is on the sick list.

Perry Nisonger and family spent Sunday with Charles Hoff and family.

Rev. Huddle called on Charles McClear Friday.

Ezra Slifer and wife visited Charles McClear and family Sunday.

Mrs. T. L. Howell, Sarah Bowers, Sarah Peara and Miss Myrtle Howell were Greenville shoppers last Saturday.

Mrs. Sarah Bowers of West Manchester and Miss Myrtle Howell from Twin Chapel visited friends in this vicinity from Friday until Monday.

Roy Murray, Miss Jessie Freed and Miss Treuary, of New Madison, visited John Gilfilan and family Sunday.

Quarterly meeting will be held at this place next Saturday and Sunday.

T. I. Shiguro, the Japanese missionary, now at a Dayton seminary, gave us an interesting talk Sunday night on the religion, manners and customs of his native country.

## He Fought at Gettysburg.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble, and paid out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take \$500 for what they have done for me." Grand tonic for the aged and for female weaknesses. Great alternative and body builder; sure cure for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by Wm. Kipp's Sons, druggists. 50c.

## Obituary.

Emma Keckler was born near Fort Jefferson, Ohio, February 25, 1867, and departed this life May 9, 1907, aged 40 years, 2 months and 14 days. She was the only daughter of John and Julia Ann Keckler, late of this county, and was married to W. E. Ayers July 13, 1887. To this union there were born eleven children, two of whom preceded her to the spirit land. She and her husband lived in this county until November, 1904, when the family removed to Tennessee for a short time, thence to Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio, where she died, after a lingering illness of some nine months. She fully realized that the end of her life on earth was near and expressed herself as satisfied to meet her Savior.

She leaves a husband, five sons and four daughters, three brothers, two half-sisters, and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Delos S. Ferguson to a large audience at Fort Jefferson and her body was laid to rest in Oak Grove cemetery.

## A Significant Prayer.

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The commencement exercises of the Greenville High School will occur Thursday evening, May 30. Admission charge 35c. Tickets on sale at Huhn & Pointner's. Seats reserved after 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 27.

Christian Endeavor Convention. The annual convention of the Darke County Christian Endeavor Union will be held at Ansonia, Ohio, Tuesday, June 4, 1907. Everybody invited.

## Fort Jefferson.

Thinking there might be some of the Journal readers would like to hear from the old Fort once again, we offer the following items of news.

Miss Katharine Fitzgerald has returned from a three months' visit with relatives in Dayton. Miss Addie Combs of Ithaca was calling on friends here last Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Noggle is very low at this writing. She is making her home with her son John, who lives on the Robeson farm, south of town.

Mr. Weaver and wife of Greenville were the guests of John Hathaway and family Sunday.

Rev. Ferguson and daughter Jessie were at Hollansburg and New Madison Sunday.

The Epworth League service will be conducted next Sunday evening by Miss Opal Baum. Everybody invited.

We haven't as yet learned what arrangements the committee has made for Decoration Day services here.

Dan Sheffer is putting in a cistern for S. Vietor.

Oscar Vietor has a new buggy and the girls are all smiles.

Quite a number of the boys from here attended the ball game at New Madison Sunday.

Harley North was home from Dayton a few days last week.

Miss Daisy North has been on the sick list for several days, but is slowly improving.

Miss Clara Reigle is working at John Noggle's this week.

Mrs. Lydia Bobenmyer has gone to Union City for a week's visit.

Ruby Devilbliss was the guest of Blanche Deleplane Sunday. May 20. VENUS.

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